

Electrification of Rail-Routes

†2292. DR. D. MASTHAN:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased state:

(a) whether 41.7 per cent of total Rail-routes has been electrified;

(b) if not, the per cent of electrification of total rail-routes accomplished by the end of March, 2000;

(c) the total amount spent on this electrification; and

(d) the per kilometer expenditure made for running trains by electricity, after this electrification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Till March, 2000, 23.86% of the railway routes have been electrified.

(c) Rs. 3950 crores (approximately) has been spent.

(d) The expenditure made for running trains by electricity is worked out in the form of Traction Specific Line Haul Costs in Rupees per thousand gross tonne kilometres.

The latest figures of 1998-99 are as under:

Freight Services : 76.04. Rupees

Passenger Services : 137.20 Rupees

Public Address System at Bidhannagar Railway Station

2293. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1816, given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th December, 1999 and state:

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- (a) the activity-wise details of the action plan to improve the Public Address System at Bidhannager railway station;
- (b) the status of completion of each activity; and
- (c) the target date of completion of any pending work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Assurance on the action plan for improvement in announcement system indicated in answer to related Unstarred Questions in Rajya Sabha viz. 1208 on 5/3/1999 and 1816 on 17/12/99, has already been fulfilled and communicated to Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

The following improvements in the announcement system at Bidhannager & Kakurgachi station have been completed:—

- (i) Arrangement of remote announcement through Public Address System from Kakurgachi to Bidhannagar Station has been completed with the help of underground cables. The system has been tested several times with satisfactory results.
- (ii) One amplifier and feedback horn have been kept at Kakurgachi for announcement of both Up and Dn. trains by the operating staff.
- (iii) The existing amplifier at Bidhannagar has been replaced with Booster and mixer amplifier with 24V battery backup.

Pending Railway Projects for Madhya pradesh

2294. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased state:

- (a) the details of railway project in Madhya Pradesh mainly relating to new rail lines, gauge conversion, electfication and doubling pending implementation sicne the Eighth Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether any time bound programme has been chalked out for their completion; and
- (c) the details of such projects sanctioned in the Ninth Five Year Plan for that State?